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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to councils concerned with water quality, by
- 2 providing for the appointment of members of the general
- 3 assembly to serve on the water resources coordinating
- 4 council and eliminating appointed members of the general
- 5 assembly serving on the watershed planning advisory council.
- 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

- 1 Section 1. Section 466B.3, subsection 4, Code 2016, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 4. Membership voting members. The council shall consist
- 4 of the following voting members:
- 5 a. The director of the department of natural resources or
- 6 the director's designee.
- 7 b. The director of the division of soil conservation and
- 8 water quality within the department of agriculture and land
- 9 stewardship or the director's designee.
- 10 c. The director of the department of public health or the
- 11 director's designee.
- 12 d. The director of the department of homeland security and
- 13 emergency management or the director's designee.
- 14 e. The dean of the college of agriculture and life sciences
- 15 at Iowa state university or the dean's designee.
- 16 f. The dean of the college of public health at the
- 17 university of Iowa or the dean's designee.
- 18 q. The dean of the college of natural sciences at the
- 19 university of northern Iowa or the dean's designee.
- 20 h. The director of transportation or the director's
- 21 designee.
- 22 i. The director of the economic development authority or the
- 23 director's designee.
- 24 j. The executive director of the Iowa finance authority or
- 25 the executive director's designee.
- 26 k. The secretary of agriculture, who shall be the
- 27 chairperson, or the secretary's designee. As the chairperson,
- 28 and in order to further the coordination efforts of the
- 29 council, the secretary may invite representatives from
- 30 any other public agency, private organization, business,
- 31 citizen group, or nonprofit entity to give public input at
- 32 council meetings, provided the entity has an interest in the
- 33 coordinated management of land resources, soil conservation,
- 34 flood mitigation, or water quality. The secretary shall also
- 35 invite and solicit advice from the following:

- 1 (1) The director of the Iowa water science center of the
- 2 United States geological survey or the director's designee.
- 3 (2) The state conservationist from the Iowa office of the
- 4 United States department of agriculture's natural resources
- 5 conservation service or the state conservationist's designee.
- 6 (3) The executive director for Iowa from the United States
- 7 department of agriculture's farm services agency or the
- 8 executive director's designee.
- 9 (4) The state director for Iowa from the United States
- 10 department of agriculture's office of rural development or the
- 11 state director's designee.
- 12 (5) The director of region seven of the United States
- 13 environmental protection agency or the director's designee.
- 14 (6) The corps commander from the United States army corps of
- 15 engineers' Rock Island district or the commander's designee.
- 16 1. The dean of the college of engineering at the university
- 17 of Iowa or the dean's designee.
- 18 Sec. 2. Section 466B.3, Code 2016, is amended by adding the
- 19 following new subsection:
- 20 NEW SUBSECTION. 4A. Membership legislative members. The
- 21 council shall also include four members of the general
- 22 assembly who shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting members. The
- 23 legislative members shall be appointed as follows:
- 24 a. Two members of the senate, one of whom shall be appointed
- 25 by the majority leader of the senate and one of whom shall be
- 26 appointed by the minority leader of the senate.
- 27 b. Two members of the house of representatives, one of whom
- 28 shall be appointed by the speaker of the house and one of whom
- 29 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house.
- 30 Sec. 3. Section 466B.31, subsections 2 and 4, Code 2016, are
- 31 amended to read as follows:
- 32 2. The watershed planning advisory council shall consist of
- 33 all of the following members:
- 34 a. The voting members of the advisory council shall include
- 35 all of the following:

- 1 (1) One member selected by the Iowa association of municipal 2 utilities.
- 3 (2) b. One member selected by the Iowa league of cities.
- 4 (3) c. One member selected by the Iowa association of
- 5 business and industry.
- 6 (4) d. One member selected by the Iowa water pollution
- 7 control association.
- 8 (5) e. One member selected by the Iowa rural water
- 9 association.
- 10 (6) f. One member selected by growing green communities.
- 11 (7) g. One member selected by the Iowa environmental
- 12 council.
- 13 (8) h. One member selected by the Iowa farm bureau
- 14 federation.
- 15 (9) i. One member selected by the Iowa corn growers
- 16 association.
- 17 (10) j. One member selected by the Iowa soybean
- 18 association.
- 19 $\frac{11}{k}$ One member selected by the Iowa pork producers
- 20 council.
- 21 (12) 1. One member selected by the soil and water
- 22 conservation districts of Iowa.
- 23 (13) m. One person representing the department of
- 24 agriculture and land stewardship selected by the secretary of
- 25 agriculture.
- 26 (14) n. One person representing the department of natural
- 27 resources selected by the director.
- 28 (15) o. Two members selected by the Iowa conservation
- 29 alliance.
- 30 (16) p. One member selected by the Iowa drainage district
- 31 association.
- 32 $\frac{(17)}{2}$ q. One member selected by the agribusiness association
- 33 of Iowa.
- 34 (18) r. One member selected by the Iowa floodplain and
- 35 stormwater management association.

- 1 $\frac{(19)}{s}$ one member selected by Iowa rivers revival.
- 2 b. The nonvoting members of the advisory council shall
- 3 include all of the following:
- 4 (1) Two members of the senate. One senator shall be
- 5 appointed by the majority leader of the senate and one senator
- 6 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate.
- 7 (2) Two members of the house of representatives. One
- 8 member shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of
- 9 representatives and one member shall be appointed by the
- 10 minority leader of the house of representatives.
- 11 4. Each year, the voting members of the watershed planning
- 12 advisory council shall vote to designate one voting member as
- 13 chairperson.
- 14 EXPLANATION
- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 17 This bill adds two members of the senate and two members of
- 18 the house of representatives to serve as ex officio, nonvoting
- 19 members on the water resources coordinating council. The
- 20 purpose of the council is to preserve and protect Iowa's water
- 21 resources, and to coordinate the management of those resources
- 22 in a sustainable and fiscally responsible manner (Code section
- 23 466B.3).
- 24 The bill also removes legislative members from the watershed
- 25 planning advisory council, including two members of the senate
- 26 and two members of the house of representatives, who all serve
- 27 as nonvoting members.